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To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Section 3, Substitute House Bill 1011 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to regulating the use of identification devices."

Section 3 places a requirement on the Attorney General to make annual recommendations to the Legislature with respect to potentially invasive technologies which may warrant further action by the Legislature. This requirement is unfunded and will require the Attorney General's Office to divert its scarce financial resources away from other higher priority activities. Additionally, a presumptive label as "personally invasive" may stifle emerging technologies with high potential in the research and commercial fields.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3 of Substitute House Bill No. 1011.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute House Bill No. 1011 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor